

Extract from interrogation of
Hideki Tojo, 7 February 1946
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Q So that you realize that you are the one primarily responsible for the December 1941 attacks on Pearl Harbor and American and British possessions ?

A Yes, I am responsible.

Q And the other parties whom you have mentioned are responsible, along with you, for those attacks?

A From the standpoint of assistance to the Throne /hō hitsu/, the Cabinet is jointly responsible and, hence, the other cabinet members bear responsibility; however, I, as Senior Member, am the one chiefly responsible. The Army Chief of Staff and the Navy Chief of Staff also bear responsibility.

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問、ソレデハ眞珠灣竝ニ米、英ノ領土ニ對スル昭和十六年十二月ノ政變ニ關シテハ貴方が主トシテ責任ヲ負フベキデハナイカ

答、ハイ、私ハ責任ガアリマス

問、貴方が言ハレタ外ノ人々モ貴方ト共ニ其ノ政變ニ責任ガアリマスカ

答、陛下ニ對スル輔弼ノ面カラ内閣ニ共同ノ責任ガアリマス故ニ他ノ大臣モ責任ヲ負ヒマス然シ作ラ私ハ首班トシテ重ナル責任者デアリマス

參謀總長、軍令部長モ亦責任ヲ負ヒマス

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